

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification at page 7, line 1 by replacing the first paragraph with the following paragraph:

Head 42 includes at least one ledge or locking finger 70 configured to cooperate with locking fingers 62 to lock head 42 to base 40 as depicted in FIG. 5. In this embodiment of the invention, post 60 includes a single continuous locking finger 62 that extends circumferentially about post 60. Locking fingers 70 are disposed below the upper ~~surface~~ wall 72 of head 42 so that a shoplifter cannot easily access locking fingers 70.

Please amend the specification at page 7, line 7 by replacing the second paragraph with the following paragraph:

Head 42 has a diameter large enough to cover all portions of hub 12 that extend through the center hole of disc 16. The lower wall of head 42 may engage the upper surface of disc 16. Head 42 is configured to allow a user to cut through upper wall 72 with a pair of household scissors or a knife in order to loosen head 42 and to remove it from post ~~40-60~~ 60. Once head 42 is removed, the user may remove disc 16. If desired, the user may cut post 60 to remove the head of post 60. Tray 44 remains loosely disposed below wall 48.

Please amend the specification at page 8, line 19 by replacing the fifth paragraph (which carries over to page 9) with the following paragraph:

Base 240 includes a tray 244 configured to hold EAS tag 46 below bottom wall 48 of base 20. EAS tag 46 may be mounted to tray 244 with adhesive or tray 244 may include walls 252 configured to ~~prevent~~ hold EAS tag 46 on tray 244. Base 240 also includes a secondary post 253 that defines a locking finger or ledge 255. Ledge 255 is configured to cooperate with locking fingers 262 to lock head 242 to base 240 when locking mechanism 214 is locked over hub 12. In the embodiment of the invention depicted in the drawings, secondary post 253 is configured to be snugly received inside hub 12 to position ledge 255 immediately below opening 30. This configuration allows post 260 to be shorter than if ledge 255 were positioned at the same level as support surface 24. Ledge 255 is positioned closely adjacent an opening 257 defined by an upper wall 259 of secondary post 253. The outer surface of secondary post 253 may be designed to frictionally engage the inner surface of wall 27 of hub 12. The frictional engagement strengthens hub 12 and helps to keep disc 16 on hub 12 during shipping. The frictional engagement also prevents base 240 from rattling against base 20.